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VIA TELEFAX
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Re: Australian Patent Application No. 83109/87
Your Ref: 29136
Our Ref: PM 1267

Dear John:

This is in response to your letter of 1 November, 1989, reporting the first action. You requested comments on two points, (1) the Examiner's proposal to limit the claims to the extraction of tobacco, and (2) an explanation of the inventorship question.

On the first point, we would not want to limit the claims to the extraction of nicotine. If you need further comments from Fish & Neave and/or the inventors in support of that argument, please let me know.

On the inventorship background, you are correct that USSN 947102 is PM 1267, the original U.S. filing, on which Tony Howell was not listed as an inventor. He was added to the CIP filing which includes pretreatment of the tobacco, or other material to be extracted, with a basic compound. I am checking with the inventors for a more precise record of the contribution. Hopefully, the above will suffice for your response to the objection to the Declaration.

Very truly yours,

Beverly A. Monroe

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